



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of:

Applicant : O'NEILL, et al.
Appl. No. : 10/612,297
Filed : July 1, 2003
Title : FLUORESCENT DYES, ENERGY
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METHODS
TC/A.U. : 1626
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2005 ("Office Action"), reconsideration is requested in light of the following. A petition for a three month extension of time is enclosed with this Response extending the shortened statutory period from May 11, 2005, to August 11, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.